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The Honorable David Packard
Deputy Secretary of Defense
Washington, D. C. 20301

Dear Dave:

25X1 Your letter of 5 December proposed an evaluation
of the [redacted] missions and the larger problem
of manned reconnaissance platforms in areas of substantial
risk on a worldwide basis. I am designating Mr. George
Carver as my representative dealing with [redacted] 25X1
and other reconnaissance in Southeast Asia. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] will represent me in evaluating manned reconnais-
sance activities throughout the rest of the world.

Sincerely,

R. E. Cushman, Jr.

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Lieutenant General, USMC
Acting Director

DIA review(s) completed.

25X1 NSA review completed

Letter to The Honorable David Packard, Deputy Secretary of
Defense, from General Cushman, Acting Director, re

[redacted] Missions

CONCUR:

/s/ R. J. Smith

18 DEC 1970

R. J. SMITH
Deputy Director for Intelligence

Date

ODDI [redacted] (17 Dec 70)

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SUBJECT: Airborne Reconnaissance Operations (COMINT) (U)

TO: Director
National Security Agency
Ft. George G. Meade, Md. 20755

1. (S-HVCCO) References:

- a. DepSecDef memo, subject: Airborne Reconnaissance Operations, 2 December 1970, TS-HVCCO.
- b. J-3 message, JCS 16214 Dec 1970, subject: Airborne Reconnaissance Operations (U), TS-HVCCO.
- c. JCS CM-411-70, subject: Airborne Reconnaissance Operations (U), 4 December 1970, TS-HVCCO.
- d. Intelligence Guidance for COMINT Programming (IGCP), USIB S-9.4/70, April 1970, TS-CW.
- e. DIRNSA message ADP 262, 1 May 1970, subject: Airborne COMINT Objectives, TS-CW.

2. (U) The attached statement of intelligence requirements (enclosures 1 and 2) is forwarded in accordance with references a, b, and c. Enclosure 1 lists the requirements estimated to be applicable to airborne collection by IGCP subelement/line item and by orbit/target area. Enclosure 2 groups these requirements into the following categories: A - Critical, B - High Priority, C - Priority, D - Routine. There is no further priority breakdown within these categories or by area.

3. (S-HVCCO) A reexamination of intelligence requirements as directed by reference a. was accomplished by a working group composed of DIA, CIA and State Department collection requirements specialists. (NSA declined to participate, except to provide an observer.) The reexamination consisted of:

a. A review of the intelligence community's requirements for COMINT as specified in the IGCP.

b. An estimate of the applicability of airborne platforms to specific information needs as stated in line items of IGCP, by orbit and/or target areas.

1. S-HVCCO
of attached enclosure (c).

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c. The assignment of priorities based on the application of criteria developed by a DoD reconnaissance conference in September 1970 (enclosure 3). It should be noted that these criteria were developed for short range mission assessment purposes and are subject to modification as changing world conditions dictate. JSOP priorities (enclosure 4) are listed to show the relationship between JCS agreed threat priorities and the priority system used in this review.

4. (S-HVCCO) The NSA statement of Airborne COMINT Objectives (reference c) was utilized in the review but proved to be of limited value because DIA, CIA and State Department representatives could not identify those objectives which actually generate any particular airborne collection mission. Consequently, these same participants were unable to develop a full understanding of the requirements which actually "drive" airborne collection.

5. (S-HVCCO) Certain requirements for information on North Vietnam (Tonkin Gulf) and on the [] orbit areas are considered to be Category A (Critical) (see enclosure 2 for a brief synopsis of these requirements). The more demanding needs in terms of scope and detail relate to North Vietnam.

6. (U) As directed by the Deputy Secretary of Defense, in reference a., DIA is furnishing you this definition of specific intelligence collection requirements and DIA is prepared to work with you in carrying out the next phase as specified in the directive, which is to develop a COMINT peripheral tasking program in accordance with realigned priorities. Additionally, DIA is prepared to assist the Air Force and the Joint Staff in the remaining phases of the assigned task.

4 Enclosures

1. Estimate of Requirements Which Generate COMINT Missions by IGCP Subelement
2. Grouping of Requirements by DoD Mission Assessment Categories
3. DIA ltr S-0320/AP-1E, 18Sep70(S)
4. JSOP Priorities (S)

cc:
JRC, J-3
CIA
State



D. V. BENNETT
Lieutenant General, USA
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TO: Mr. Proctor

FROM: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: DoD Review of Airborne Reconnaissance Operations

REMARKS:

1. This note is for your information on the steps already taken on this request to review requirements for airborne reconnaissance operations.

2. Early last week [REDACTED] told you of this latest DoD investigation. The DoD memorandum requesting CIA participation was finally located with George Carver and his study group on COMINT needs in the Gulf of Tonkin. In his reply to Mr. Packard, the Acting Director has designated Carver for recce in Southeast Asia and [REDACTED] for the other manned reconnaissance activities. Last Friday [REDACTED] passed this information orally to [REDACTED] (DIADC), who was handling the various DIA actions. [REDACTED] indicated he wanted to be sure of CIA participation in all aspects of this review.

3. DIA has set up three working groups to review the requirements for COMINT, ELINT, and Imagery. Representation was to include CIA, State, and NSA. Agency participants in these working groups are [REDACTED] for COMINT, [REDACTED] of

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4. In the COMINT review, NSA withdrew from joint participation, preferring to have the consumer agencies develop the statement of needs. To this NSA would then add in resources and produce a statement of collection requirements. The COMINT group has scrubbed the intelligence guidance for requirements they believe relate to airborne collection. The results have been categorized in terms of priorities, i. e., CRITICAL, HIGH PRIORITY, PRIORITY and ROUTINE. The Agency dissented on some where the DIA priority seemed excessively high. These selections were sent last Saturday to NSA under a covering memorandum from General Bennett. Some doubt exists as to how the rest of the scenario will develop. The NSA response may go directly to the JRC; however, DIA does intend to provide a review judgment when the results of all three working groups are finally submitted. We plan to participate in this review.

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5. The ELINT group is at work, but no identification such as by the COMINT group has been put together at this time. The Imagery group has yet to meet on its review.

6. Currently we have briefed representatives of the substantive offices of the proposed priorities and airborne collection requirements. Upon review of NSA's comments, the CIA's judgments will be reconsidered and any recommendation from the substantive offices will be incorporated at that time.

7. We will keep you informed on new developments. ☐ plans to provide you with a statement for the Director summarizing the CIA position.

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